



Introduction. This newsletter will review some of the key events that the JMCTC and the JMCTC Battle Command Training Center (BCTC) “Spoke Sites” conducted and supported in November. It will highlight training items of interest and upcoming events.

November Key Events at JMCTC Hub and Spoke Sites.

- Balkans 8 KFOR, 18 Oct - 8 Nov (Hohenfels). The Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) facilitated the KFOR 8 Mission Rehearsal Exercise (MRE) exercise at Hohenfels last month. The 29 ID (VAARNG) was the core of the 8th Task Force Falcon (TFF) rotation which is now headed for Kosovo. The L3 Battle Simulations Program augmented its 25 employees at Hohenfels “Spoke Site” with 37 additional “surge” personnel. These Modeling and Simulation (M&S) experts provided Master Scenario Event List scripting and orders writing, HICON manning, DBST support to enable the LVC integration, Role Player Training, and training in negotiations.

- SHARP FOCUS 97 (SF07) Event Test #2, 30 Oct - 7 Nov (LAN 1). The JMCTC Models and Simulation Branch Hosted the SF07 ET#2. This event set the foundation for ET#3 which will occur as part of the setup for SF07 in January. Over 30 participants from JMCTC, USAREUR, JWFC, NSC, UK, GE, FR, and other organizations contributing to this successful event. SF07 execution dates are 22-30 Jan 07.

- LION FOCUS 07 (LF07) Setup, 6 Nov -3 Dec (LAN 1, 2, and 3). Setup for LF07 has been underway for most of November. This has been a combined effort between JMCTC (to include contractors), 5th Signal Command, and the 69th Signal Battalion. LF07 is SETAF’s BCTP-supported ramp-up for Exercise SHARP FOCUS 07. SF07 will follow in January as a EUCOM exercise intended to certify the SETAF staff as the core of a Coalition Joint Task Force (CJTF) Headquarters. LF07 execution dates are 4-15 Dec at Camp Aachen. The results of LF07 will be highlighted in the January edition of the JMCTC Newsletter.

- IRON STRIKE II (ISII) Execution, 6-19 Nov (distributed from Camp Aachen). The ISII 1AD Warfighter Ramp-Up Exercise was recently completed. This exercise was simulation-driven with the Corps Battle Simulation (CBS) and appropriate peripherals and it was Master Scenario Event List (MSEL) supported. The exercise was based upon a notional Caspian Sea scenario. It ran 12 hours a day (no “official” night shift). STARTEX was on 15 Nov and ENDEX was on 18 Nov with the teardown and redeployment completed on 20 Nov. The 1AD Training Audience trained to be a Multi-National Division. Most of their major subordinate commands participated from Wiesbaden Army Airfield (WAAF). The exceptions were 2SCR which participated from Vilseck Army Airfield and 1/1 Cav which participated from Grafenwoehr, Camp Aachen Motor Pool 14 on LAN 1 (*see top picture*) and LAN 3. The Models and Simulation (M&S) support was from LAN 1, Buildings 1443 and 1464 (*see middle picture of the Logistics M&S Cell*). There were also nine other 1AD subordinate units (*see bottom picture from the Artillery Response Cell*) and coalition response cells that participated from LAN 3. U.S. personnel (not actual multi-national participants) manned the coalition response cells. The JMCTC Intel Branch provided the OPFOR (from LAN 3). Our OPFOR cell used CBS and the MSEL to replicate the equivalent of over 10 OPFOR Brigades. This exercise provided the 1AD staff and the Major Subordinate Unit staffs an opportunity to sharpen their warfighting skills. The exercise produced many valuable lessons, not only for the participants, but also for the exercise planners.



- BSNCOE Exercise, 6-20 Nov (Bld 1026). JMCTC Communications Branch setup the JOC to support the Battle Staff NCO Course. This exercise was conducted by the NCO Academy with support from our L3 / Titan contractors. They used JCATS to facilitate the training (*see pictures to right*).



- JOC EDRE / Ramp Up, 14-16 Nov, (SETAF BCTC, Vicenza, IT). The SETAF BCTC supported the JOCEX for SETAF in Italy with assistance from L3 Titan / Simulation Federation and Integration Services Support (SFIS). This exercise is part of the ramp-up to Lion Focus/Sharp Focus. It included deploying the JOC forward to Aviano, IT to exercise C2. It was JSOP-focused and vignette-driven using a Common Operating Picture (COP) supported by Army Battle Command Systems (ABCS) and distributed simulations. The exercise trained participants to use boards, centers and cells, during a battle rhythm, driven by the exercise. The scenario laid the foundation for continued planning and execution in LF07/SF07 in Dec/Jan respectively. The JOCEX used the same JCATS and terrain databases that will be used during these follow-on exercises.

- 1-1 CAV Exercise, 27 Nov – 1 Dec (Buedigen, GE). L3 / Titan personnel supported the 1-1 Cav Exercise which finished today. This was a squadron-level JCATS-based exercise.

- VIP Visits at Camp Aachen in Nov.

-- **Ft. Rucker DOS**, 6 Nov. COL Lee LeBlanc the Director, Directorate of Simulations Fort Rucker, AL visited the JMCTC. He both gave and received briefings regarding current and future initiatives and he took a tour of our facilities. He is looking for potential ways to collaborate during future 12th CAB Aviation training events. He also visited the Balkans 8 KFOR training that was underway at the JMRC in Hohenfels.

-- **Commander, Bulgarian Land Forces**, 9 Nov. MG Dobrev received a JMCTC briefing and facilities tour as part of his JMTC visit. He visited during the ISII setup and saw the 1-1 Cav TOC in LAN 1 Motor Pool 14 and exercise response cells in LAN 3.



-- **CG TACOM**, 9 Nov. MG Lenaers received a JMTC command briefing from COL Touzinsky the JMTC Chief of Staff, in the Communication and Simulation Operations Center (CSOC), Bldg. 1464, LAN 1. The U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) generates, provides, and sustains mobility, lethality, and survivability for soldiers, other U.S. Armed Services, and our allies - all to ensure Army readiness today, tomorrow, and beyond. TACOM has facilities in Rock Island, IL; Red River, TX; Anniston, AL; Watervliet, NY; and Sierra, CA.



-- **Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Directorate of Readiness, Programming, and Assessment**, 17 Nov. Visitors included Mr. Barrow and Ms. Hughes, both GS-15 Deputy Directors. They attended a command briefing and observed Exercise ISII, to include a walking tour of the exercise response cells in LAN 3. LTC Koch led the tour.

-- **PM Con Sim Visit**, 14 Nov (M&S Branch). COL Wheeler is the U.S. Army PEO STRI Project Manager Constructive Simulation. He visited JMCTC during Exercise ISII with his Deputy Mr. Copeland. They are shown here with Mr. Lasch (the M&S Branch Chief) in the John Wayne Conference Room. PM Con Sim in partnership with the National Simulation Center (NSC), cost effectively develops and sustains constructive simulations primarily supporting the Army's command and staff training requirements. Constructive simulations are currently the most effective means to train commanders and staffs of division and larger units and are playing an increasing role in the training of brigade and smaller commanders and staffs. As the army transforms to the Unit of Action and Unit of Employment this training venue will become even more important to battle staff training and protection against digital skill decay. Limited resources and increasingly limited time reinforces the need for a family of simulations tailor-made for a given training objective across the Range of Military Operations (i.e.; RSOI, high intensity conflict, and SASO). The simulations PM Con Sim manages and develops are used by the Army to satisfy, in part, its statutory training responsibility. These simulations and tools as the [Joint Land Component Constructive Training Capability \(JLCCTC\)](#) are also used to train the Army in a Joint Service context. Current simulations and tools used in standalone mode and as part of early versions of ACTF include [Corps Battle Simulation \(CBS\)](#) and [Tactical Intelligence Simulation \(TACSIM\)](#). The goal of the [Common Battle Command Simulation Equipment \(CBCSE\)](#) project is to provide a common hardware family of products for use in constructive training environments. The next generation aggregate level simulation system for the Army operating in a joint context is [Warfighters' Simulation \(WARSIM\)](#). The next generation entity based semi-automated force simulation is [One Semi-Automated Force \(OneSAF\)](#). In addition OneSAF support the Army as the entity-based simulation for the TEMO, ACR, and RDA domains. The [Intelligence Electronic Warfare Tactical Proficiency Trainer \(IEWTPT\)](#) will provide a realistic simulation of an opposing force battlefield. These simulations will increase the effectiveness of commander and staff training exercises, and staff mission rehearsals by dramatically increasing the realism and the scope of the available training environment. PM Con Sim intends to reshape the way the Army trains commanders and their staffs over the course of the next several years - evolving from the current standalone training simulations/tools to the ACTF. The ACTF includes an evolutionary migration, which includes CBS, DBST, TACSIM, etc. today coupled with WARSIM, OneSAF, and a Logistics Federate in future versions.



- Trailer Be Gone. Remember the mystery trailer apparently abandoned in years gone by. Mr. Schneider, the Mission Support Branch Chief, and LTC Koch, the Operations Officer worked with the G4 to track down the owning unit and get it hauled away.



Mr. Schneider gets OPS Officer guidance...He assumes look out as the ground guide...He takes charge...He sends the trailer out the gate...and "Wah Lah" PZ clean!

Spoke Site Spotlights – Baumholder and Schweinfurt/Bamberg. JMCTC oversees contract support and/or works closely with seven Battle Command Training Center (BCTC) “Spoke Sites.” They are in Baumholder, Kaiserslautern, Einsiedlerhof, Vicenza, Hohenfels, and Schweinfurt/Bamberg. This month’s JMCTC spoke spotlights our two spoke sites that are maintained with the least overhead (1 person each).

-- **Baumholder** is the home of 2BCT, 1AD currently deployed to Iraq. This makes things a little lonely for Mr. Mike Barfield who single-handedly maintains the Baumholder BCTC facilities and equipment when he is not TDY supporting exercises at other JMCTC spoke sites. The facility was originally a 6 million-dollar building that was designed to be the post Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the Cold War. It is in a big cul-de-sac that is surrounded so thoroughly that your cell phone won’t work. The facility is now shared with the Baumholder Distance Learning Center. The BCTC portion of the building is big enough to conduct a large-scale exercise (*see picture to the right*). There are 36 JCATS workstations permanently in the facility. With surge support and equipment, the facility could support a Brigade exercise with TOCs in the field. This may require support cell expansion into the basement. By the way, the basement is a Cold War bomb shelter that looks like to backdrop for the murder scene in a Sci-Fi movie, it comes complete with creepy sound effects. Most recently, Mr. Barfield supported training held at the 1AD DIVARTY facilities (they were probably afraid of the basement in the BCTC). The exercise was supported with the Scaleable Entity-Level Simulation (SELS) which was used to support digital Fires training. SELS enables simulated digital fire missions with the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS) Army Battle Command System (ABCS).



-- **Schweinfurt/Bamberg** was the home of was of the 2nd Brigade, 1ID until they deployed to Iraq earlier this year. As the unit deployed, the main part of the Schweinfurt BCTC facility was used as the Emergency Deployment Center (EDC). The building was originally a German Luftwaffe hanger. The building, which used to be known as the “War Lord Center,” is now showing its age with numerous leaks. Fortunately, our L3 contractors recently regained control of the entire facility. They have since coordinated with the garrison to have the roof replaced. Work on the roof will begin soon. Mr. Wes Farmer (*picture on left*) handed over responsibility for the facility to Mr. Rhett Rhodes (*picture on left*) in October; Rhett managed the Friedberg facility before we closed it. The facility has been used recently for ABCS training. Its purpose now includes training SETAF support units located in Schwienfurt and Bamberg. The facility is large enough to support a Brigade-size exercise. The Mobile CTT Trainers are located just outside of the building. L3 Battle Simulations Program personnel recently supported a 793rd MP Battalion Exercise in Bamberg from 23-27 Oct.



Arrivals and Inbounds.

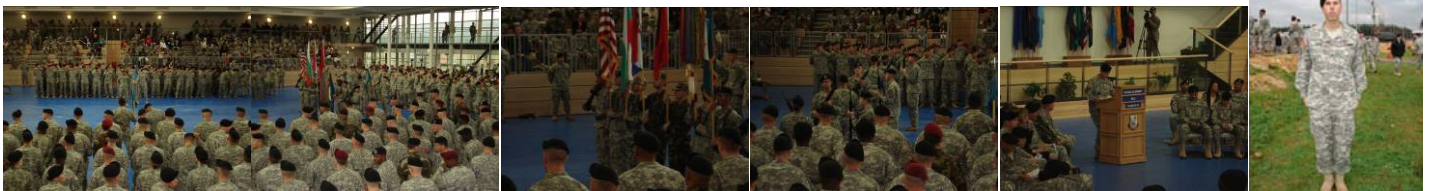
1LT Lindsey Burgett. Arrived on 30 Oct from Kitzingen, GE where she was assigned as the XO, 147th Maint Co., she is now assigned to the Mission Support Branch as the Logistics Officer.

SPC Shaneequah Simpkins. Arrived on 6 Nov from Ft. Benning, GA, she is now assigned to the Mission Support Branch where she will serve as the Supply Specialist.

Victoria Roslin Williams. Born 6 Nov to the proud parents of CPT Eugene Williams (M&S Branch) and his wife Natalia. *Victoria is shown here with her dad when she was 1 day old.*



- **WLC Graduation.** Our own SGT Lord (Commo Branch) graduated from the Warrior Leaders Course on 9 Nov. He completed the course with a very respectable 95% average. *Graduation ceremony, at the Grafenwoehr gym, shown below.*



Winter Driving Safety. Get your snow tires installed now! Go slow in the snow, and allow plenty of braking distance.

JMCTC Christmas Party, 21 Dec. The JMCTC Pot Luck Christmas Party will be held in LAN 1, Building 1461 on 21 December at 11:30. All JMCTC personnel are invited, to include contractors. Everyone is encouraged to bring their families to include children to this event; they will be out of school. Santa Claus will be taking Christmas lists and photos will be made of the little ones. Turkey and Ham will be provided (we are looking for volunteers to cook them). Please bring Pot Luck side dishes to ensure there is enough food to go around. There will be wide-screen Christmas movies and activities for the children to include an America’s Army demonstration and interactive workstation with the DARWARs Ambush! Simulation (all kid friendly). Look for a flyer in e-mail.

Farewell for MAJ Lenzini, 21 Dec. The farewell for MAJ Lenzini, our JMCTC XO, will be held in conjunction with the Christmas Party. Please be there at 12:00 for this portion of the day’s events. We will thank him and wish him well. He deploys in January.

- Key Events. Events scheduled at JMCTC hub and spoke sites for the next quarter are shown below on the OPSYNC Calendar.

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